WYD 2023

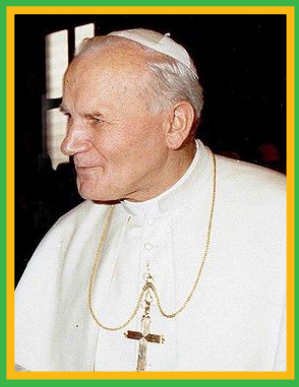
WHERE: Lisbon, Portugal

WHEN: August 1 to 6, 2023

WHO'S INVITED: Everyone!

WHO'S GOING: Pope Francis, millions of young people from across the world

THEME: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Luke 1:39)



All About World Youth Day

World Youth Day is an event that happens each year. It was started in the year 1985 by Pope John Paul II. The first World Youth Day was celebrated in the city of Rome in 1986. The goal of World Youth Day is to inspire young people with the message of Jesus Christ. Every few years, a large international World Youth Day meeting is held in which young people from all over the world gather together with the Pope to attend catechesis, cultural events, to pray, and to celebrate. The last international World Youth Day was held in Panama in 2019.

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"Now is the time to arise! Like Mary, let us 'arise and go in haste'. Let us carry Jesus within our hearts, and bring him to all those whom we meet!'"

Pope Francis, message to young people for World Youth Day 2023

Pray for Pilgrims

Those traveling to celebrate World Youth Day are making a pilgrimage. Since ancient times, people of faith have been pilgrims. Recall the stories of Abraham, Moses, and the early Christians. A pilgrimage is a very special journey. Those making a pilgrimage prepare themselves both physically and spiritually. As youth from around the world begin traveling for World Youth Day, pray *A Prayer for Pilgrims* at your home or in your parish.

A Prayer for Pilgrims

Dear God,
Bless those on their journey.
Keep them strong in body and in spirit.
Help them to listen to your call and
respond with a brave "yes!"
Amen.

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Meet the Patron Saints of Lisbon 2023

The Lives of the Saints

Name

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Saint John Paul II traveled to 129 countries during his time as pope. On these trips and through his writings, he asked people to show their love for Jesus Christ by praying and taking care of the poor. He spoke several languages, and respected different cultures around the world. Wherever he went, crowds of people greeted him and welcomed his message of reconciliation and peace.

We can follow the example of Saint John Paul II by sharing the Good News with others. Write a letter to a young person in another country. Tell about the way you and your family live, and ways you share your love of Jesus Christ with others. Ask a question about something you would like to know about a young person living in another part of the world.

Sadlier Religion

With a partner or family member, choose a patron saint that you would like to learn more about. Study the life and works of the patron saint you selected to discover why he or she is a model for today's young people. With a parent or catechist's help, explore the patron saints page on the official World Youth Day 2023 **web site** or the Vatican web site. Share your findings!

In the box below, draw a picture of the World Youth Day patron you selected to learn more about. Then briefly write why he or she is a model for today's young people.

- Mary, Mother of God
- Saint John Paul II
- Saint John Bosco
- Saint Vincent
- Saint Anthony
- Saint Bartholomew of the Martyrs
- Saint John de Brito
- Blessed Joana of Portugal
- Blessed João Fernandes
- Blessed Maria Clara of the Child Jesus
- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati
- Blessed Marcel Callo
- Blessed Chiara Badano
- Blessed Carlo Acutis

Name _____

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Inspired Design

Beatriz Roque Antunez, a 24-year Portuguese artist designed the World Youth Day logo for 2023. Study the logo and search for these symbols inside it.

- a cross
- a road
- the rosary
- the figure of Mary

Color Theory

In the logo, the colors mean something too!

The logo features the colors of the Portuguese flag: green, red, yellow, blue and white.

Design a World Youth Day logo using symbols of your choice. Write what each represents.

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